

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2016
4:00 p.m. – Rutledge Room

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SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

1. Call to Order: Chairman James Hanson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Chairman Hanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call by Town Clerk: Present at roll call in addition to James Hanson were Supervisors Elizabeth Holmes, Randall Sorenson, John Rader and Kirby Foss.
4. Town Chairman's Remarks: Chairman Hanson addressed the controversy surrounding the budget and the Fire Department. He stated the substance was agreed upon but the process, the breakdown of communication, was on both sides. He stated the Town was prepared to give what the Fire Department currently has had they only asked. He stated the spending by the Fire Department will be closely monitored by the Board and spending will be approved by the Board. A policy for spending will be developed for that process.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Supervisor Foss, second by Supervisor Sorensen, to approve Regular Town Board Minutes of December 15, 2015, Special Town Board Meetings of December 16, 2015, and January 19, 2016. Elizabeth Holmes made a correction to move the roll call vote to follow "Approval of Budget Resolution 2016-02" at the end of first paragraph under #4. Correction to be made. Motion carried.
6. Review of Committee Minutes Including the Fire Department, Community van, Community Center Committee, Infrastructure Committee and Archives. Motion by Supervisor Rader, second by Holmes to accept the Minutes of above committees and groups; Hanson commented Stan Zyskowski resigned from the Community Van group. The Clerk stated the School has requested use of the community van. Motion carried.
7. Public Comments: There were no public comments at this time.
8. Supervisors Response: Any questions or comments among Board members. Discussion only. Items to be placed on next months' agenda. Chairman Hanson brought up one comment. He asked re the Welcome Center being drained for the winter; he asked for clarification re use of the building for the winter.
9. Approval of Bills, Journal entries and Bank Reconciliations – including all Town Committee. Motion by Supervisor Foss to approve all bills, journal entries and bank reconciliations as presented; second by Sorenson. Motion carried.

10. Department Activity Reports: Motion by Supervisor Sorensen, second by Supervisor Holmes, to bring the activity reports to the floor; Motion carried to accept the following Department Activity Reports:

- A. Public Works
- B. Police
- C. EMS
- D. Fire Department
- E. Airport
- F. Landfill
- G. Financial Reports – including all committees
- H. Utility District
- I. Oral Reports from Supervisors from their various appointed departments.
Monthly updates – FYI's

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11. Communications: Any letters or Correspondence received from the public or a committee. Items may be acted upon during communications. Supervisor Sorensen made a Motion to accept the communications but asked to pull "C". He stated that the Town attorney needs to draw up a lease agreement for the Tower and access used by the Town, payment being the property taxes. Second by Supervisor Holmes; Motion carried. Clerk asked for clarification of making payment and time period of lease agreement. The attorney agreement will define these.

Item "E" was discussed; Supervisor Foss made a Motion to accept the intergovernmental agreement pertaining to the electronic voting machine and for it to be signed by the Board and returned, second by Supervisor Sorensen. Motion carried.

Item "G" was discussed; Supervisor Sorensen made a Motion to agree with plans to proceed with Death's Door Barbecue following same contractual agreement as in past. Second by Supervisor Holmes; Motion carried.

Item "I", Supervisor Holmes made a Motion to approve Gary Schultz to be designated as EMR trainer and to receive \$1200.00 for 2015 and forward. Second by Supervisor Sorensen; Motion carried.

Item "J" was discussed. Options were discussed, concerns on various issues were presented; Chairman Hanson suggested tabling discussion of the property for next month's agenda.

- A. WI Compensation Rating Bureau
- B. Mead and Hunt Sorensen Made a Motion to bring Communications to the floor and asked to pull "C".
- C. Julie Nelson re Mountain Tower
- D. Building Permits
- E. Intergovernmental Agreement
- F. IRS 2016 Standard Mileage Rates

- G. Death's Door Barbeque
- H. D.C. Planning Department Zoning Amendments
- I. EMR training
- J. Building Inspector

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12. Old Business: Action items.

- A. Johnson Sanitation re Billing for Land spreading. Johnsons feel it would not work for them to include the land spreading fees on the pumpers' bills. After some discussion, Supervisor Sorensen made a Motion to continue with the current procedure for billing for the Utility District; second by Supervisor Rader. Motion carried.
- B. Fire Department Wage Scale, Fire Chief Letter of Resignation and list of demands: (Supervisor Foss recused himself as a member of Fire Department).
Supervisor Sorensen made a Motion to bring the demands of the Fire Chief forward, second by Supervisor Rader. Motion carried. Sorensen asked to make a statement. He stated the Fire Department never involved themselves in the budget process; he stated the budget process becomes more and more challenging each year. He commented he felt the Fire Department was damaged in the view of the taxpayers by the demands of the Fire Chief.
- C. Budget Resolution 2016-03: Supervisor Sorensen made a Motion to bring Resolution 2016-03 forward to move funds within the Fire Department to meet payroll; second by Holmes. Roll call Vote: Supervisor Rader, aye; Supervisor Sorensen, aye; Supervisor Holmes, aye; Chairman Hanson, aye; Foss recused. Motion carried.

13. New Business: Action items.

- A. Public Works Department: Summer help, landfill position, sale for surplus vehicles-- Supervisor Sorensen made a Motion for the Public Works Director to post positions for summer help and the landfill; second by Foss. Motion carried. "Surplus vehicles" includes request for bids for community van sale and trailer sale to be included on March agenda.
- B. Should the Town hire a professional Administrator: Citizen Robb Carr spoke on this item. He stated the Administrator has full responsibility for Town business; the Board would then have a great deal less responsibility. Citizen Ron Overdahl addressed the expense of such a position. He also stated the Board has been doing a good job and that "by and large" the Town is pleased with what the Board has been doing. He suggested if the Town wants to have an Administrator, perhaps a liaison of the school with the Town would be something to look into, as has the City of Chicago. Discussion from the audience focused on where would the Town would get the funds to pay an administrator.
- C. WTA 2016 District Meeting: Chairman Hanson plans on attending the February 27th meeting.

14. Public Comments, items not on the agenda: Comments will be limited with no rebuttals. Board discussion is limited to questions for clarification only: Linda Taylor commented that the Community Center is used frequently and there is no defibrillator available. She stated it could be secured in a box like a fire extinguisher. Chairman Hanson stated he would call Greg Holub to discuss a defibrillator for the building. Clerk Carpenter brought up that the lease payments for spreading fields have not been paid; Chairman Hanson stated he would take care of that.
15. Upcoming meetings:
- A. RTBM for March 2016
16. Adjourn: Motion by Supervisor Sorensen, second by Kirby Foss to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Clerk Valerie Carpenter

Chairman James Hanson

Supervisor Elizabeth Holmes

Supervisor Randall Sorensen

Supervisor Kirby Foss

Supervisor John Rader